

Monday was the first reading of the ordinance. Council will vote on the measure in the March 24 meeting following the third reading.

In other business, City Manager Jim Pearson said residents have complained about trees being cut down in neighborhoods across the city.

"I understand why people are upset, I really do. We have some beautiful 100-year-old silver maple trees here in the city that had to be cut down due to disease or damage," he said.

Pearson said everyone hates to see the trees cut down, but diseased or otherwise damaged trees are a danger to houses, cars and residents. He suggests reforming the city's shade tree commission to help decide which trees must be cut down and to help choose new saplings for replanting in the spring and summer.

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public on May 18, 2005, and it was received with a standing ovation, according to minutes from the meeting.

Licate didn't decide overnight to build campus-style elementary schools. He met with district employees, the board of education and the members of the public, he said.

He then recommended campus-style buildings consisting of three preK-3 buildings with an enrollment of 336 students each, two grades 4-6 buildings consisting of 450 students each, and one junior high building in the city.



The recommendation garnered the full support

80 acres in the city that the school district could build schools on.

"I never heard from the city," Licate said Monday. "I saw all this property on Wade Avenue that was available and adjacent to the city, and in my naive way, I thought, 'The city could annex it and it would get the income tax from all the teachers working there.'"

The public was notified in June 2006 of Licate's interest in the Wade Avenue site.

Until Monday, the school board was interested in 54 acres on Wade Avenue owned by land developer Ron Kister, and another 28

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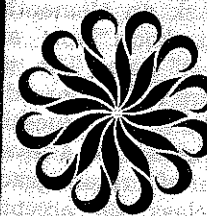
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